

WHEREAS; Wisconsin women share a deep-rooted history of conservation and have long played an important role in the stewardship of land in the state; and

*WHEREAS;* according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), in 2019, more than half of all U.S. farming operations had at least one woman operator, and data from the most recent USDA Census of Agriculture estimates that women make up approximately 35 percent of all agricultural producers in Wisconsin; and

*WHEREAS;* women landowners in Wisconsin understand the importance of collaborative conservation and are champions of conservation practices such as the utilization of cover crops and pollinator habitats, the protection of native species, and regenerative agriculture; and

*WHEREAS;* the state offers many resources and technical supports for women landowners and landowners of all backgrounds, especially those who are beginning their conservation journeys; and

*WHEREAS;* this week, the state of Wisconsin joins women landowners and farmers across the state in celebrating the essential contributions they make to conservation and to the prosperity of the agricultural industry as a whole;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,  
do hereby proclaim July 10 through 16 2023 as

## **WISCONSIN WOMEN IN CONSERVATION WEEK**

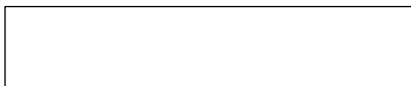
throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance  
to all our state's residents.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this 30th day of June 2023.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State